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Subject: analysis of pills

Jim, I was wondering how you folks handle samples that contain several hundred tablets. We have had several instances of cases where there are several different cards with each card(sample) containing 300-600 tablets. I have told chemists in the past that they can estimate the count by weighing three tablets, getting an average and then extrapolating for an estimated count. If the count is close to the officers we have been letting the count stand as what the officer put on the receipt. I'm going to suggest, at least here in Boston, that we not put tablet counts down for any samples over a certain amount 100? 200? 500?. Let me know what you do, and we can discuss it with Julie next Wednesday. CBS